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**Subject:** Re: EJ at EPA

ThanksJeremy. We will get back to you.

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On Jul 30, 2020, at 1:25 PM, Jeremy Jacobs <jjacobs@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi, Lilian,

Thanks very much for getting back to me.

I am also working on some stories on the External Civil Rights Compliance Office, including the complaint regarding a landfill in Tallassee, Alabama. So, it would be very help to set up an interview, or speak with someone from EPA for background on that case.

Does that make sense? Please let me know if you have any questions for me.

Best Regards,  
 Jeremy

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**From:** "Dorka, Lilian" <Dorka.Lilian@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: EJ at EPA

Hello Jeremy,

Thanks much for reaching out. I'm actually on vacation in California this week so, sorry for not getting back to you earlier. I am copying here Nancy with our Office of Public Affairs as well of Ariadne who is our Office of General Counsel's public affairs liaison. You will need to go through them to request this interview. BTW, you may already know this, but I'm the Director of EPA's External Civil Rights Compliance Office - not the EJ office. Take care, Lilian

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On Jul 29, 2020, at 10:40 AM, Jeremy Jacobs <jjacobs@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi, Lilian,

My name is Jeremy Jacobs and I'm a reporter with [E&E News](#), a nonpartisan news service based in Washington, D.C. I report from California and I hope you are doing well.

We are working on some stories about environmental justice at EPA. My colleague, Hannah Northey, has written a story on the first leader of the office, Clarice Gaylord, that will run this week. We are also talking with Lisa Garcia, Mustafa Ali, Vernice Miller-Travis and others.

I have been exploring some other stories, and I wondered if we could speak on the phone (or zoom). I understand the sensitive nature of speaking to the press in your position, so I am happy to do this on deep background, **meaning I won't attribute anything to you or use your name.** I am just trying to get a better sense of how these efforts have played out within the agency.

In particular, I wonder if you've see the attached study by Jill Harrison. It talks about the how difficult it has been for EJ officials to get other offices within the agency to buy into their recommendations. Including, in some instances, some pretty intense instances of bullying.

I was curious if you'd agree.

Again, any thoughts you have would be helpful, and **I can keep your name out of any stories we write if you prefer that.**

Please let me know if there is a good time to connect, and thanks very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,  
Jeremy

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